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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SPORTSADMINISTRATOR

REF: GABORONE 1770 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. GOB SPORTS DIRECTOR, GOBE MATENGE, CALLED CHARGE' JUNE 30 TO ASK STATUS OF SUBJECT REQUEST. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED USG WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, AND THAT APPROPRIATE PERSON MUST BE IDENTIFIED AND RECRUITED. NONETHELESS, GOB WAS BECOMING DESPERATE AT DELAY IN FILLING POSITION BECAUSE: (A) VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATORS ARE AMATEURS AND SIMPLY CANNOT DEVOTE SUFFICIENT TIME TO THE JOB; (B) DESIGNATED COUNTERPART IS SPINNING HIS WHEELS AND CANNOT PERFORM EFFICIENTLY WITHOUT TRAINING; AND (C) MATENGE RELUCTANT TO IMPLEMENT NEW PROGRAMS IN ABSENCE OF SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR, SINCE HE FEARS INCORRECT ORGANIZATIONAL AND WORK PATTERNS MAY BE ESTABLISHED.
- 2. BOTTOM LINE OF MATENGE'S COMMENTS WAS THAT GOB OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO QUESTION THE DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF USG-SELECTED ADMINISTRATOR; SUSPECT THEY MAY HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN TURNING TO U.S. IN THIS MATTER; AND WONDER IF OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT NOT RESPOND MORE QUICKLY TO WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS URGENT NEED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF MATENGE'S SERIOUS CONCERNS AND GOB'S VERY REAL NEED FOR SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR SOONEST, PLEASE ADVISE EXACT STATUS OF SUBJECT REQUEST AND WHEN WE MAY TELL MATENGE HE MAY EXPECT ADMINISTRATOR'S ARRIVAL. YOUR HELP APPRECIATED.

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